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## TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT UTAH.

The Intermountain Republican and Mr. Peet tell us that the Tribune and the preachers are responsible for the slanderous and false reputation of our fair state. While this is partly true it is not wholly so. The Commercial club, the Merchants and Manufacturers' association, and the Real Estate exchange are equally to blame. Their silence and cowardice is almost as contemptible as the lies of the preachers and the Tribune. The Real Estate exchange is the most contemptible of the three because while pretending to boost Salt Lake its members, or a good many of them, sympathize with and help the Tribune to knock.

A newspaper man interviewed a dozen or so of the leading Gentile merchants in regard to the dastardly policy of the Tribune. Everyone of them condemned the Tribune in the strongest terms possible, but refused to be publicly quoted, being afraid it would injure their business.

A minister approached a prominent Gentile of unimpeachable character, whom the Tribune had slandered in the most brutal manner, and said to him that he did not approve of the Tribune's foul attack. "No," said the gentleman, "but I dare say I am the only person you have made such a statement to." "You," continued the gentleman, "have introduced the author of those lies into the homes of the good people of the east, knowing him to be a foul, drunken, immoral, lecherous, lying, traitorous wretch. Shame on you, shame on you, to deceive the good people of this country by the mouth of such a creature."

Another minister approached one of the most prominent Gentiles of this city to bid him good-bye, before leaving the state on one of his usual missions. The gentleman admonished the minister to tell the truth about Utah; that was all he asked.

Why was it necessary for a man who belonged to no church to ask a Christian minister to tell the truth about Utah? He knew that this self-same minister had lied about Utah in the past and injured the state. He

did not want him to repeat his past performances.

The W. C. T. U. and the good women of the east having been told such base lies about Senator Smoot and the Mormons, by preachers and disappointed politicians, like ex-Senators Cannon, Kearns and Dubois, have become embittered, and are doing this state an immense amount of injury. The object of the W. C. T. U. is to make men model Christians and consequently good citizens. Is it not? This association is fighting Reed Smoot from a purely moral standpoint. Now let us see who nearer lives up to this association's ideals, Messrs. Smoot, Cannon, Kearns or Dubois.

Senator Smoot has always been a republican, even standing with his party during the silver craze. His reputation in Utah is widely known as honest, temperate, neither using spirituous or vinous liquors, or tobacco in any form, not a blasphemer, virtuous not a polygamist, having one wife and six children, a true friend and an honest man, the noblest work of God. In fact we might say Senator Smoot would make a good model for the W. C. T. U. to worship. Now look on the other picture.

Cannon, Kearns and Dubois have all been senators of the United States. It will be conceded that the Mormon church had as much to do with their election as it did with Reed Smoot's. All of them were elected by the help of Mormon votes. The triplets, Cannon, Kearns and Dubois, each betrayed his party while wearing the senatorial toga. Each one has been republican, silver republican, democrat, and "American." In fact each one has joined any party to further his own ends.

What can be said of one can nearly be said of the other. Their immorality would exalt even a Breckenridge in the eyes of good people; debauches, all three, of the worst kind. Their escapades are notorious. In fact there is as much difference between

the characters of Reed Smoot and these triplets, Cannon, Kearns and Dubois as there is between the characters of Michael and Lucifer. Well could these triplets say, corruption though art our mother, infidelity thou art our names.

The Commercial club, the Merchants and Manufacturers' association and the Real Estate exchange know that the Tribune lies when it says that the Mormon hierarchy is trying to ruin the mining and smelting industry of this state; and that the public schools are under the control of a lecherous polygamous hierarchy. Furthermore the above associations know that the Tribune columns every morning are filled with the basest falsehoods about the people of this state that can emanate from the minds of the most foul, base and degenerate creatures that breathe air. They know that preachers of the type of Iliff, Wesley Hill and Lielich are vultures in human garb, who steal "the livery of the court of heaven to serve the devil in," and make such sinners of their memories to credit their own lies, are abroad continually slandering this state and its people.

They know that the statements of Mrs. Fred T. Dubois "that the Mormon children in Utah spit on the American flag," is the most base and foul falsehood that could be uttered.

They know that when the New York Times in commenting on Utah, says, "undoubtedly a hierarchy of polygamists and criminals should not constitute one of the United States, estimate.

Why don't these associations take up the Smoot business with the Women's Christian Temperance union, and these misguided females in the east and tell them the reputations of Senator Smoot, ex-Senator Frank J. Cannon, ex-Senator Kearns and the soon to be ex-Senator Dubois. Just simply tell the plain truth.

Has ever one of the above associations protested in the open against these scandle mongers, or ever called them to account? Why do these associations that are organized for the welfare of the state remain si-

lent? Because they are cowardly and afraid of the preachers and lecherous lash of the Tribune.

We have tried to be plain and outspoken and the people of this city know that the condition described by Truth is true. Members of the above named associations will admit it in private. If in private, why not in public?

Instead of holding banquets, and forming themselves into a mutual self adoration and hot-air assemblies; instead of adopting such silly mottoes as "Busy all the time in Utah," and "You can't keep a good town down;" instead of trying to beg \$50,000 for advertising Salt Lake City, these associations should rake up enough courage to pass resolutions censuring the Tribune and the preachers for their lying and dastardly stories about this state.

The above associations can change the policy of the Tribune in twenty-four hours, or attend its funeral in six months, and they know it. They have the power to set Utah right in the eyes of the nation. All that is needed is courage. Demand that the preachers and Tribune tell the truth about Utah, and the rest will be accomplished. Will they do it?

### PLAYING FOR KEEPS.

In the current number of the Christian Herald appears an article, entitled as above. Such a caption hardly needs an explanation—every man or boy knows the story which follows it alluded to the playing of marbles.

Lots of people do not believe in playing marbles, except for the fun of the thing, and lots more would not play marbles for fun at all, because there wouldn't be any fun in it, unless they "played for keeps." The former look upon playing for keeps as being one of the first steps in gambling, while the latter have no such conscientious scruples.

It is hard to say whether such sport is the first step or not. Because everything in this life worth having is achieved as the result of "taking a chance," and this applies from a real estate investment to buying shares in

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